



IBM Docket No.: YOR920000581US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): J.L. Hellerstein et al.
Docket No.: YOR920000581US1
Serial No.: 09/731,937
Filing Date: December 7, 2000
Group: 2144
Examiner: Thanh T. Nguyen

RECEIVED

SEP 29 2004

Technology Center 2100

Title: Method and System for Machine-Aided Rule
Construction for Event Management

DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

We, the undersigned, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. We are the named inventors on the above-referenced U.S. patent application.
2. We conceived the invention that is the subject matter of one or more claims of the above-referenced U.S. patent application at least as early as August 2000. At least as early as August 2000, we prepared an internal IBM invention disclosure document entitled "Method and System for Machine-Aided Rule Construction for Event Management." A copy of the above-mentioned document is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
3. Applicants' attorney, Mr. William E. Lewis, received the above-mentioned document on or about August 28, 2000 with instructions to prepare and file a U.S. patent application based on the above-mentioned document.

4. Applicants' attorney, Mr. William E. Lewis, sent a first draft of the above-referenced U.S. patent application to the inventors on November 27, 2000 under cover of a facsimile cover sheet. A copy of the facsimile cover sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.


5. Applicants' attorney, Mr. William E. Lewis, sent a revised draft of the above-referenced U.S. patent application to the inventors on December 4, 2000 under cover of a facsimile cover sheet. A copy of the facsimile cover sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

6. The invention was reduced to practice by filing the above-referenced patent application on December 7, 2000.


7. All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

8. We understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 8/31/04


Joseph L. Hellerstein

Date: 08/31/04


Sheng Ma

Date: _____

David A. Rabenhorst